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H. R. 3454

To amend the Federal Credit Union Act to modify the common bond requirements for members of Federal credit unions.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 12, 1998

Mr. EHRLICH introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Federal Credit Union
5 Membership Act of 1998”.

6 **SEC. 2. COMMON BOND REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERS OF**
7 **FEDERAL CREDIT UNIONS.**

8 Section 109 of the Federal Credit Union Act (12
9 U.S.C. 1759) is amended—

10 (1) in the 1st sentence—

1 (A) by striking “Federal credit union
 2 membership shall consist of” and inserting “(a)
 3 IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsections (b) and
 4 (c), Federal credit union membership shall con-
 5 sist of”; and

6 (B) by striking “, except that” and all that
 7 follows through the period at the end of such
 8 sentence and inserting a period; and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
 10 sections:

11 “(b) MEMBERSHIP FIELD.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The membership of any
 13 Federal credit union shall be limited to—

14 “(A) a group which has a common bond of
 15 enterprise, trade, or association; or

16 “(B) groups within a well-defined commu-
 17 nity, neighborhood, or rural district with a pop-
 18 ulation of 25,000 or less.

19 “(2) COMMON BOND OF ENTERPRISE.—For
 20 purposes of paragraph (1), a group has a common
 21 bond of enterprise if the members of the group are
 22 officers or employees of the same business enterprise
 23 or government agency or organization.

24 “(3) COMMON BOND OF TRADE.—For pur-
 25 poses of paragraph (1), a group has a common

1 bond of trade if the members of the group have
2 a common trade, profession, or occupation.

3 “(c) GRANDFATHERED MEMBERS AND GROUPS.—

4 Notwithstanding subsection (b)(1)(A)—

5 “(1) any person or organization who is a mem-
6 ber of any Federal credit union as of February 25,
7 1998, may remain a member of such credit union
8 after such date; and

9 “(2) any person or organization who is or be-
10 comes a member of any group whose members con-
11 stituted a portion of the membership of any Federal
12 credit union as of February 25, 1998, shall continue
13 to be eligible to become a member of such credit
14 union after such date.”

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